

Winter Activities Bulletin

Dear Residents,

On behalf of Mayor Joseph DiGirolamo and Council, the Parks and Recreation Department would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who came to support this years "Family Fall Festival." Although the event's format was changed from year's past, it is our sincere hope that all who joined in the activities had an enjoyable time sharing the day with family and friends.

In addition to the Fall Festival, the Parks and Recreation Department welcomed back our Community Sleepover, "Family Affair Under the Stars. " We would like to give a big thank you to our business community, in particular Texas Roadhouse, Shoprite of Bensalem, Giant Markets, Lions Club Bensalem, Sundance Beverage Co., Metro Beverage and Rick's Expert Tree Service, for their generous donations and support of this community event. We would also like to thank our own Bensalem Police Department K-9 Unit for bringing our K-9 officers to visit with the children during the evening's festivities, as well as the patrol officers who checked our safety all through the night. It is because of the support of all those mentioned that this comeback event was successful, and that all in attendance had a very relaxing and enjoyable evening.

With colder weather fast approaching, we remind you to visit and enjoy the amenities offered at our beautiful parks while the weather is still cooperating. Please take a minute to review this activity flyer as well as the website for programming information for the 2023 season.

In closing, Mayor Joseph DiGirolamo and Council, as well as our Parks and Recreation Department would like to wish everyone a most joyous upcoming holiday season! It is our hope that you will find something within the flyer, or on our website which will peak your interest.



Hey kids young and old... Santa Claus is heading back to Bensalem and he can't wait to see all of you! This year's Annual Township Tree Lighting will be held on **December 10th**, beginning at 5:00 pm. Mayor Joseph DiGirolamo, Council and the Parks and Recreation Department invite everyone to join us at the Municipal Complex, so Santa knows just how many boys and girls he will be visiting on Christmas Eve! Santa and his helpers can't wait to see you, so come on out and give a great big Bensalem Wave to Santa and his Elves!

Please remember that admittance is simply a non-perishable food item to be distributed to those less fortunate!

We look forward to seeing you and can't wait to spread a little **Holiday Cheer!** Remember, in keeping with the new tradition of our tree lighting festivities, all those attending will remain in their car and drive through the holiday display, to ensure **everyone is safe**. Hope to see you December 10th!

LETTERS TO SANTA

Bensalem's Parks & Recreation Department is now gathering Letters to Santa to send to the North Pole from the children of Bensalem Residents! Drop off your letter to our special mailbox- located in the front lobby or mail them to:



SANTA CLAUS, NORTH POLE
Bensalem Parks & Recreation Department
2400 Byberry Road
Bensalem, PA 19020



Be sure to include your name, age & address and send them in by **December 12th** so Santa has time to get back to you before his big trip around the world.



SOCCER SHOTS is the children's soccer experience for kids ages 2-8. Soccer Shots focuses on the skills and lessons of the game by offering non-competitive classes. Each child learns the fundamentals of the game through principled high-energy instruction, creative and age appropriate games, scrimmaging, and soccer fun! We are changing the lives of young people forever by teaching principles and life skills like confidence, respect, honesty, and teamwork!

Dates, time and Location as follows:

Spring - March 4th thru April 29th

Spring 2 -- May 6th thru June 24th (no class Memorial Day weekend)

Summer -- July 8th thru August 26th

Fall 1-- September 9th thru October 28th

Fall 2 -- November 4th thru December 23rd (no class Thanksgiving weekend)

LOCATION: Firefighter Field – 80 Rockhill Drive

TIME: Saturday's 2:00-4:00pm

COST: 105.00 each session

Classes are 30-40 minute class per age group) **to register on line**, www.soccershots.org/lowerbucks If you have any questions email philly@soccershots.org or call 267-630-1557

GIRLS JUNIOR FIELD HOCKEY



YES! We are offering a field hockey program during 2023.

Stay tuned for program updates and registration information. Keep those sticks ready, we are coming back! **Please call 215-633-3616 for additional information.**



Young Rembrandts

www.youngrembrandts.com/buxmont-pa

Pre-School Drawing Classes (ages 4 to 7) Saturday's - 9:00 am - 9:45 am.

Your preschooler's mind is hard at work building the knowledge and skills it will use for a lifetime. Now, more than ever, it's important to challenge their curious minds with activities that will keep them engaged and eager to learn! The Young Rembrandts pre-school program is specifically designed with the needs of our youngest learners in mind. We use subjects they're familiar with such as animals and toys, as well as their favorite learning tools - pictures, stories, touching, and doing - to enhance social and conflict resolution skills while improving listening, fine-motor skills, and time-on-task. Give your preschooler the information they're hungry for and be amazed by what they'll create! Classes are 45 minutes, with a minimum of 5 students allowed

SESSION 1 PRICE \$80.00 February 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th

SESSION 2 PRICE \$80.00 March 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th

LOCATION Bensalem Community Park 4301 Richlieu Road, Bensalem Township

Register at www.youngrembrandts.com/buxmont-pa

Cartoon Drawing Classes (ages 8 – 14) Saturday's - 10:00 am - 11:00 am

For all kids who need to stay engaged and laughing, our cartooning classes are surely the most fun you can have while learning! This entertaining program combines Young Rembrandts' innovative, hands-on teaching method with light-hearted subject matter that engages children, their sense of humor and their vivid imaginations. Maintaining a quick pace and drawings that tell a story also help kids to stay on-task, learn from their mistakes, find new solutions to a problem and communicate ideas and concepts through pictures - skills with lifetime benefits! Classes last up to 55 minutes, with a minimum of 5 students allowed.

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MAD SCIENCE SATURDAY WORKSHOPS!

JOIN US FOR THE SATURDAY WORKSHOPS BEING PRESENTED BY MAD SCIENCE

Detective Science (ages 6 – 12) Saturday

Students will become science sleuths as they investigate how chemistry provides evidence at the scene of The crime. During this hands-on detective work, children will gather and test “crime scene clues, make and analyze their own fingerprints, decipher codes and encrypt messages. **Call 215-633-3616 for registration form.**

SESSION ONE: Detective Science February 25th

LOCATION: Bensalem Community Park

TIME: 10:00am-11:00am

COST: \$25.00

CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Bensalem Township

Stunt Planes and Flight (ages 6 – 12) Saturday

This class is a wonderful mix of conceptual and hands-on learning, which will introduce your students to the basics of aerodynamics. Kids will learn about the forces that affect flying machines, and will build a football glider, a Delta Dart and even a loop-flying stunt plane. **Call 215-633-3616 for registration form.**

SESSION TWO: Stunt Planes and Flight March 25th

LOCATION: Bensalem Community Park

TIME: 10:00am-11:00am

COST: \$25.00

CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Bensalem Township

BCTA: Bucks County Tennis Association

2023 TENNIS: Bensalem Township is part of BCTA’s county wide tennis network. Check out www.buckscountytennis.usta.com for more information about tennis opportunities available to Bensalem Residents for the 2023 season, or visit our website for updates on the 2023 Tennis schedule and season.



PICKLEBALL

With pickleball becoming a very popular sport of choice in our community, the Parks and Recreation Department has converted the Gilbert Drive Tennis Courts into courts which will accommodate both tennis and pickleball activities. Take advantage of this opportunity to engage in your favorite sport of choice at Gilbert Drive Tennis/Pickleball Courts.

2023 EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Parks and Recreation Department is looking for part-time Park Rangers for our various parks. Must be 21 years of age or older and available nights and weekends. If interested please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 215-633-3616.



SUMMER REC PLAYGROUND EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM IS RETURNING FOR 2023!

Limited enrollment!

The summer camp 2022 EXTENDED DAY PLAYGROUND program went extremely well and will return for the 2023 season! This program is open to those entering 1st grade through 6th grade. Early registration for our outdoor Playground Camp will begin February 1st. This is a 9-5 program with no drop offs prior to 8:30 am. All children must be picked up by 5:00 pm. No transportation will be provided for this program.

Please be advised this program will have strict guidelines on registrations and enrollment limits, which will be followed! Keep your eyes and ears open for 2023 updates on registration details.

2023 YOUTH SUMMER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Parks and Recreation Department will accept applications for employment with our summer recreation programs beginning Wednesday, February 1st. No applications will be given prior to this date! Applications must be obtained in-person from the Parks and Recreation Department, and applicants must be a Bensalem Resident and 16 years of age at the time the application is acquired. Please be advised that completing an application does not guarantee you a position as programming needs may change for the 2023 season making positions un-available!

Should you decide to complete an application be advised all applications must be returned directly to the Parks and Recreation Department no later than 4 p.m. on Friday, February 10th. If you have additional questions or need further clarification regarding obtaining an application for possible employment, please feel free to contact Parks and Recreation at 215-633-3724 or 215-633-3614.